ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An electric wire 1 is moved in a moving direction at a desired speed. An insulating layer of varnish is formed on the outer surface of the electric wire 1 by a device for applying the varnish. The device includes a rough-like container 2 and dropping means 8. The rough-like container 2 is located below the electric wire 1 in the moving direction. The dropping means 8 is located for the electric wire above the container. Adesired quantity of varnish is dropped from the dropping means 8 toward the outer surface of the electric wire 1 through a flow rate adjusting portion. The flow rate of the varnish is adjusted by the flow rate adjusting portion 9.